

## Message Text

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FM AMEMBASSY ADDIS ABABA

TO SECSTATE WASHDC 4054

INFO AMCONSUL ASMARA

USMISSION GENEVA

AMEMBASSY KHARTOUM

AMEMBASSY LONDON

AMEMBASSY MOGADISCIO

AMEMBASSY NAIROBI

AMEMBASSY PARIS

C O N F I D E N T I A L ADDIS ABABA 4335

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E.O.11652: GDS

TAGS: PINT PINS ET

SUBJ: EMPEROR'S HEALTH DECLINING?

1. EMBASSY HAS REPORT OBTAINED THROUGH FSL, SOURCED TO DIRG MEMBER CHARACTERIZED AS RELIABLE, TO EFFECT EMPEROR HAS TAKEN TO HIS BED. ACCORDING REPORT HE IS DECLINING MARKEDLY BOTH PHYSICALLY AND MENTALLY. HE IS SAID TO BE EATING IRREGULARLY, SUFFERING MEMORY LAPSES AND BEING EXTREMELY IRRITABLE AND TESTY. RAS IMRU, WHO USED TO VISIT HIM SEVERAL DAYS WEEKLY, REPORTEDLY NO LONGER COMES. MAJ. MENGHISTU, PMAC'S FIRST VICE-CHAIRMAN, ON OTHER HAND VISITS EMPEROR DAILY TO SOLICIT RETURN OF MONIES ALLEGEDLY SECRETED IN FOREIGN BANKS, REPORT STATES. EMPEROR STILL CARED FOR BY HIS OWN FOUR BODY SERVANTS BUT IS SAID OTHERWISE TO BE, IN EFFECT, ISOLATED. HIS RELATIVES, I.E. PRINCESS TENAGNE WORQ, HAVE NOT SEEN HIM IN SOME TIME.

2. OTHER MEMBERS OF ROYAL FAMILY, WHO HAD BEEN REMOVED TO JAN MEDA BODYGUARD COMMANDER'S HOUSE, ARE SAID TO HAVE BEEN TRANSFERRED  
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BACK TO WOSSEN SEGED COMPOUND NEXT TO EMBASSY O/A APRIL 10.

REASON FOR TRANSFER UNKNOWN BUT MAY BE CONNECTED WITH RUMORED  
REDECORATION OF BODYGUARD COMMANDER'S HOUSE.

3. COMMENT: EMBASSY HAS NO RPT NO COLLATERAL ON EMPEROR'S CONDITION.  
IT INTENDS SHARE INFORMATION CONTAINED PARA 1 AS "UNCONFIRMED  
REPORT" WITH LOCAL ICRC REP AND URGE LATTER TO CROSS-CHECK IT.  
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